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Washington D. C.

Dear Hazel:

Enclosed are copies of our purchase orders to Litton Industries for the traveling-wave tubes utilized in System 9A and associated spares kits.

We selected this vendor on several counts:

- He provided very satisfactory tubes for the earlier System 9.
 (Technical competence.)
- 2. Both of the tube types required for the System 9A are shelf items with this vendor. Other vendors could supply one or the other of the two tubes on an essentially of-the-shelf basis, but procuring both from the same source allows specification of the performance of the pair in cascade, which is highly desirable. (Availability and compatibility.)
- 3. Recent experience on other projects with this vendor gives us confidence that Litton Industries will perform in a timely fashion. (Dependability of delivery quotations.)
- 4. Price quotations from this vendor, while not necessarily the lowest of all possible sources, are quite competetive with the other potential sources. (Reasonability of prices.)

On the basis of the above considerations, we are confident that the vendor selection which we have made is the proper one, and trust that you will concur.

Bill

Bill A.

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